

## Mary Lou Terrien

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**From:** Zach Curd <zachcurd@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:21 AM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** HB 5232

Hello. My name is Zach Curd, I'm a homeowner in Livonia. I'm writing to express my opposition to HB 5232.

My wife and I specifically chose to move to the Old Rosedale Gardens neighborhood in Livonia because it was a historic district. Historic districts are important for communities, no one wants to live in a sea of 5 Guys Burgers and Target stores. The changes proposed would help usher in an era of non-experts making decisions about historical districts and that is troublesome.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Zach Curd  
Livonia

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**From:** James Scozzari <james.scozzari@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 12:24 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** Regarding HB5232

Ms. Terrie,

I'm writing to you in opposition to the aforementioned bill. As most of the residents of Heritage Hill are aware the historic districts have revitalized the Grand Rapids housing market. The laws have kept up property values, and brought property rights to the community rather than with politicians.

As a resident and contributor to the Grand Rapids community I am in strong opposition to HB5232. Decisions regarding property rights belong with property owners in the community, not with politicians who are financially driven by outside interests.

Sincerely,

James M. Scozzari

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**From:** Bill Nickels <kbnickels@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 12:41 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Cc:** Kirk Profit; Barry LaRue; Rep. David Rutledge  
**Subject:** Proposed Historic District Legislation

Mary Lou,

I continue to be concerned about the long term economic impact the proposed new language for creating and sustaining historic districts will have on the State of Michigan. I am secretary for the Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum that sits in the middle of Ypsilanti's historic district. Guests visit us from all over the world and the United States. They often comment on loving our history. They really mean, they love being in a Nineteenth Century environment. Having a Midwest Nineteenth Century environment is unique to a few midwest states. We have and should continue to keep and protect it. The language as proposed makes it easy to get rid of historic districts and difficult to sustain them.

Please share my email with the House Committee Hearing on Wednesday February 24th.

Sincerely,  
Bill Nickels, Secretary  
Ypsilanti Automotive Heritage Museum

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**From:** Don Randazzo <don@donrandazzo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:06 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** Historic Districts

Please let our local governments decide what is best for our own communities with respect to our historic District ordinances.

We have been getting along just fine without any intervention from Lansing. The Ypsilanti, MI community enjoys higher property values, well maintained historic homes and business's, an influx of tourism and people who appreciate what our Historic District Commission has achieved over the past decades. I was proud to serve on the HDC when it was voted on by the city council and have given my input to countless home owners to help them maintain their properties in a sensitive manner which enhanced the properties value.

Please keep the current laws as they are and respect the local communities wishes.

Thank You,

Don Randazzo

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**From:** Cara Bertron <cara.bertron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 5:22 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Cc:** Nancy Finegood; Brad White  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 5232

Dear Ms. Terrien,

I write on behalf of the Preservation Rightsizing Network to state our opposition to House Bill 5232. The renovation and reuse of historic resources has been important to the long-term health of cities in Michigan and across the country, and has been an essential tool in neighborhoods and cities that have suffered from significant losses of population and jobs. House Bill 5232 in its current or substitute form would eliminate one of the few tools we have to counteract urban blight.

The Preservation Rightsizing Network works in legacy cities like Detroit, Flint, and Saginaw to preserve local heritage and revitalize the built environment. We provide ways to engage, share best practices, and develop new tools to strengthen communities for the future.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,  
Cara Bertron  
Chair

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Chair, Preservation Rightsizing Network  
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**From:** Deltuck@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 5:54 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** RE: HB 5232 Historic Districts

Dear Ms. Terrien,

As the chairman of the Saugatuck Historic District, I am totally opposed to HB 5232 and what its effect could have on historic districts around the state.

I won't go into all of the negative ramifications of this horribly crafted bill, but simply ask you to research the real reason that it was crafted. Saugatuck and similar communities and cities in Michigan reap tremendous economic benefits from "historic tourism". We have worked very diligently for over 30 years to work with property owners who wish to build or remodel in the District. Our approval rate of requests is over 90%.

Insensitive, greedy developers have no respect for, nor do they value what we cherish. Most are not local but see a way to make a quick buck. Years ago, Saugatuck was among the first to deny the intrusion of a McDonald's restaurant in our village center.

Please do everything in your power to see that is bill does not make it out of committee.

Sincerely,  
Victor Bella  
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**From:** M Hathaway <hathapond@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 7:30 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** Historic Preservation Legislation

I urge our legislators to keep in place the laws that have fostered preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods throughout Michigan. Our historic districts are strengthening the local economies and enhancing the quality of life in the towns where they exist. It would be tragic to withdraw support from them.

ISIS is destroying the historic heritage of Syria while the world mourns. We should not destroy our own historic heritage.

Mary Hathaway

Former member and chair of the Ann Arbor Historic District Commission

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**From:** Melissa Milton-Pung <miltonpungm@ewashtenaw.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2016 9:03 AM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** HB 5232  
**Attachments:** HB5232\_Testimony\_02.2015.pdf

Dear Ms. Terrien,

Please see attached for my comments in opposition to the proposed changes to PA 169 – the Local Historic Districts Act - as proposed by HB 5232. The existing law, which has been in place for more than 45 years, does not need to be fixed. These comments also apply to the proposed substitute bill and the changes it includes. These changes are equally damaging and unproductive for the care and protection of our historic resources.

I will try to be present for the Committee Hearing today depending on weather and road conditions. Please add my attached comments to the hearing record.

Sincere regards,  
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**From:** Melissa Jasper <melissajasper6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 4:50 PM  
**To:** Mary Lou Terrien  
**Subject:** don't overturn historic zoning!

My husband and I moved to Detroit three years ago. We chose to leave our 20-year-old thriving restaurants in Boston, and move to Michigan. Why? Because the architecture of the city blew us away. We read many books about the city. We learned that it had been called the "Paris of the West" for decades.

We couldn't decide which historic district to live in: Palmer Woods? Indian Village? Sherwood Forest? Boston-Edison? We finally chose an amazing house on Boston Blvd. We couldn't believe how nice it was to walk down our street every day and see beautiful homes. We bike all over the city to admire both the commercial and residential architecture. We feel so lucky to have escaped the ugliness of vinyl siding, characterless houses, and fake panes in windows.

Please do not allow something Michigan should be so proud of to be needlessly destroyed!

Thank you.  
—Melissa Jasper  
—Robert Jasper